

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/606,888	HSU, HUNG-MING	
	Examiner Jacob Y Choi	Art Unit 2875	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 2/19/2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 13.
3. The drawings filed on 27 June 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claims recite a screwdriver comprising a combination of a power source, a light source, a positive & negative plate, a positive & negative ring being respectively connected and an annular switch rotatably mounted to the light frame and including a touch piece, which contacts both of the positive plate and the extensions of the positive ring to light the at least one light source.

The prior art to Shiao (USPN 6,179,433) discloses a screwdriver (Figure 2), a power source (35), a positive plate (341), a negative plate (342), a negative ring (37), a positive ring (331), however the reference does not teach an annular switch member.

The prior art to Shin (USPN 5,205,640) discloses a rotary switch means where the means being operated by rotating the head assembly relative to the casing wherein the first contact means contacts the second contact means at a predetermined circumferential location irrespective of the direction of rotation of the head assembly.

There is no motivation to combine teachings of Shiao & Shin where an annular switch with a touch piece which contacts both of the positive plate and the extension of positive ring to the light source, therefore the claims are deemed patentable over the prior art of record. Claims 1-13 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Halasz et al. (USPN 6,354,715) – flashlight

Lin (USPN 6,022,121) – screwdriver provided with lighting means

Hus (USPN 6,095,659) – electric tool structure having a light device

Maglica (USPN 5,143,441) – miniature flashlight

Shiau (USPN 5,213,408) – variable focusing flashlight

Lin (USPN 6,033,082) – tool having an improved light device

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Y Choi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2367. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (10:00-7:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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